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HOUSING PROBLEM IN SOFIA DISTRICT STILL ACUTE -- Sofia, Izgrev, 11 Feb 51

At its annual report meeting, the Stalin Rayon former First District of Sofia Soviet reviewed its activities during 1950. The housing problem is still acute in the district, which is the most populated of the capital, but during the year 6,310 lodging allocations have been distributed among the following groups: 2,011 to blue-collar workers, 2,456 to white-collar workers and military personnel, and 1,842 to students. Unfortunately, many functionaries of the housing committee have been guilty of favoritism and have granted housing facilities to their friends and relatives. The staff has now been reorganized.

Health services in the district have also been improved. A new system of treatment provides that patients be kept under medical care until their complete recovery and return to work. The new budget of the soviet will provide for a number of Sanepid (Sanitation and Epidemic) Stations, which will improve hygienic conditions, introduce preventive measures, and fight epidemics.

SEASONAL WORKERS NOT INDEMNIFIED FOR SICKNESS -- Sofia, Trud, 12 Feb 51.

According to Article 50 of the Social Security Law, workers in seasonal industries /tobacco, etc./ are entitled to medical care and hospitalization in off-season periods, but are not reimbursed for workdays lost.

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